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this summer. I understand our Gen says he wont leave here till we are paid off & that he also says if we knew where we were going we would through up our hats. So much for Camp rumore. We had a big snow storm lashing from Thursday till Saturday last about 9 inches of snow rain & last hail fell it is all gone now the ground is dry and the weather warm and pleas-ant. But I must close will write you again when we get on our journey Don't think we shall get off before next week guess you had better send me a few stamps and write on the receipt of this. You got the pictures all right Newell was mean to charge as much I put in two stamps there is too many men like J.H. Y. Newell in office. I should like to inform J H. Y. that he is liable to a heavy fine for opening a sealed package that I sent was a sealed package & he has no more right to open it than a letter. The fine will be all the other way. Where is Ed. Mack did he get my letter. Yours in haste

# W J. Templeton

Do you have any difficulty in reading these pencilings?

Please send me an extra sheet of letter paper when you write you sent a little more brandy than I wanted perhaps it will come in use